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CIA Director William E. Colby turned a sheaf of documents over to the House Intelligence Committee yesterday for a public hearing on alleged Soviet arms violations.

Colby provided a half-inch sheaf of memos on so-called "hold items" — intelligence reports of possible Soviet arms treaty violations that Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger briefly withheld from general circulation.

Kissinger acknowledged at a news conference that he withheld some intelligence reports — never longer than two months, he said — to check them further before generally distributing them.

CHAIRMAN Otis G. Pike, D-N.Y., told Colby Friday he would hold a public hearing only if the documents were declassified so that congressmen could publicly ask detailed questions about them.

A committee source said the hearing probably will be held Wednesday.

Kissinger, Colby and the administration have urged a public hearing to dispute allegations by retired Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, former chief of naval operations, that Kissinger withheld reports of Soviet arms violations even from President Ford.

KISSINGER HAS already denied that allegation. "The charge that information has been deliberately withheld is false," Kissinger said last Tuesday.